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What happens when a pretend boyfriend wants more than make-believe? Find out in this Westmoreland novel from New York Times bestselling author Brenda Jackson!

No red-blooded man turns down the chance to escort gorgeous Trinity Matthews?and Adrian Westmoreland is definitely red-blooded. For her, he'll pretend to be her man. But keeping his hands to himself? That is impossible. A Westmoreland always keeps his word, but how long before Adrian turns this fake affair into something real?

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From Reader Review The Real Thing for online ebook

KBeautiful1 says

The one thing I know is that a story written by Author Brenda Jackson will always leave you breathless, ecstatic, excited and believing that man really exists.

The Westmorelands, those wonderful, gorgeous, loving and sexy men are back with another story. You can never get enough of them, this time it's Adrian's story and Trinity (she is the sister of Tara who is married to Thorn Westmoreland). Trinity Matthews is a doctor like her dad and siblings, she is doing her residency in Denver. Unfortunately for the past couple of months she has been sexually harassed by another doctor and because his family has money, nothing is being done about it. A plan has been hatched for Adrian to pretend to be Trinity's beau to get rid of the doctor which only seems to have caused the demon to rev up his nonsense even more.

Through the act of playing pretend lovers, they cross over the line one evening and as they say, once you open that door it is not so easy to shut. And man oh man do things heat up "Westmoreland Style" the kind of loving that makes you know that you are truly being made love to by a real man. The Westmoreland man will always honor and take care of his woman and that is what Adrian does but they both believe it is still only pretending on their parts. But once the enemy crosses a line that he should have never crossed, The wrath of a Westmoreland is something even the devil himself does not ever want to face.

Of course where there is one Westmoreland you will see others, as you know they stick together, if you mess with one then you must take on them all. It was good seeing them all together and you get a nice surprise from one particular Westmoreland that hasn't been seen since Dillon's story which was the first of the Denver Westmoreland introduction.

Adrian Westmoreland story was redemption for him because he was part of the terrible 4. They were the youngest when their parents died and Dillon and Ramsey took on the responsibility of raising the Denver Westmoreland clan and fighting that government when they tried to take away Adrian, Aidan, Bailey and Bane. And although everyone is grown and have made remarkable lives for themselves, they always want to show Dillon and Ramsey that their efforts were not in vain with the four of them.

Trinity Matthews never faced those kind of challenges growing up being the youngest and all she ever wanted to be was a doctor. Although their young lives were so different they were still the same. These two coming together will not be easy and can their different ideologies about career life and relationship life be a blessing or will it be a curse? You will have to read their story and find out.

September 2014 will be Adrian's twin brother Aidan's story "The Secret Affair" and I can't wait for his story too.

Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

Tanya Mayes says

Loved it!!! A must read book. Adrian and Trinity make a great couple. I love Adrian he might be a little arrogant but he can back up what he says. I like the storyline it made for a great read. I love that Adrian had to take it there just a reminder that he don't play, he still a bad boy. I like that Trinity stood her ground with

the sexual harassment. This made for a strong heroine which I liked. I also love the Twin Thing with Adrian and Aiden. It was too cool and fun. Looking forward to Aiden and Jillian's story September is so far away.

Natalia Reeder says

4 1/2 stars Get Ready!

If you weren't in the mood for Valentine's and love this story will jump start the cupid in you! We all love a strong woman, smart, pretty and goal oriented (like our selves). A tall, handsome man to save the day...not because we need him but because we want him, oooh yeah! This story is fun, family driven, intense and smokingly sexy hot. Adrian and Trinity are an amazing couple, not really looking for love but life is what happens while you are planning. This story wraps you in romance while reiterating it is always best to do the right thing, not go along to get along. Happy reading :-)

Sheri says

What happens when a pretend boyfriend wants more than make-believe? You get a fun, sexy story that keeps you hanging on until the last word.

This book was a pleasant surprise. I admit it; part of what drew me to this book was the cover. I mean, come on...just look at him. Throw on the cowboy hat, and I never stood a chance. And, while the pretend boyfriend thing that is going on here is not a new story, the author did an excellent job of individualizing this story and making it her own.

The characters, in my opinion, are what make or break a book. In this instance, I loved all of them. Trinity is goal-oriented woman who works hard for what she wants. She is not intimidated easily and doesn't back down when she knows she is right. Adrian is a successful, and incredibly sexy, businessman. He is a strong character, confident but not cocky, and he is more than willing to help out a family friend when the need arises. The chemistry between the two of them was undeniable, and their relationship sizzling. However, along with the romance, there was more to this story, which is the other reason I enjoyed it so much. I love a good romance, but throw in some drama, tension, and heartbreak, and I'm completely hooked.

This was my first Brenda Jackson book, and I will definitely be reading more. I loved that I could pick up this book, which was in the middle of a series, and not feel left out of anything. However, now that I know there is background to everyone I met in this book, I am going to go back and read their stories as well. The characters were all interesting, and brought to life through the author's words. The writing was clean and charming and makes for a lively, engaging story.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

DivasoftheSerengeti_Lioness says

Another Westmoreland bites the dust (in a good way). This is the story of Adrian Westmoreland and Trinity Matthews (Tara's sister from 'Thorn's Challenge'). Adrian and Trinity start off agreeing to a fake

relationship due to the the harassment she is receiving from one of her co-workers. Of course, typical Westmoreland style, the men take on the initial role of the protector but it turns into love. On a side note, we see a little of Bane Westmoreland in this book (YES).

This book is awesome. The story is very well written with a great plot, well developed characters that are easy to fall in love with and an amazing flow from beginning to end. It is definitely a captivating read examining protection, love, family dynamics and the destructiveness of harassment. This read is well worth it. I of course became wrapped up in another Westmoreland tale and look forward to reading much more. We highly recommend this book, it is a 5 star plus read.

Lady Raven RAVE! says

Length: 192 pages

Style: African American Romance

Story: FAIRLY GOOD

Intimacy: GOOD

Enjoyment: GOOD

Series: Westmoreland (book #28)

So many Westmoreland men to choose from, however, my absolute favorite is still Thorn, had to throw that in. You have to admit, Brenda Jackson knows how to connect her characters, and although it seems repetitive, it never gets old. The concept of this story had a simplicity to it. It seems so simple, nothing that wowed me, but I still enjoyed the story and the coming together of both Trinity and Adrian.

Adrian was a package to unwrap. He was sexy in every way, caring and about family. He came to Trinity's rescue, from a co worker at work who doesn't understand the word, no. Their plan, pretend to be in a relationship in hopes that this co worker would stand down. But somewhere along this pretend relationship, everything became real, thus Trinity and Adrian's steamy affair. Trinity's character was ok, spicy when she needs to be, but ok. Her interactions with Adrian made her likeable and they both had a good chemistry. I enjoyed most of the scenes, but the ending, I think it could have been more.

This series has come a long way and I'm glad to see it still standing. If you've read the Westmoreland series on the Harlequin Desire line, then you know what to expect. I do have to admit though, that the first set of Westmoreland men, there was an intensity about those brothers that can never be replaced or duplicated, nor do I think that is what the author is trying to do.

Overall, a nice quick read, that is likeable and also at times will bring a smile to your face.

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Arlena says

Title: The Real Thing
Author: Brenda Jackson
Publisher: Harlequin
Series: The Westmorelands # 28
Reviewed By: Arlena Dean
Rating: 5
Review:

"The Real Thing" by Brenda Jackson was another one of this author great Westmoreland's series. It is simply amazing how this author is able to connect her characters so well with the said story. This series has come along so very well and it still giving the readers a splendid read. In this series we find that it of Adrian Westmoreland and Trinity Matthews. What will happen when Adrian pretends to be Trinity's man. Now to get it all you must pick up the author's "The Real Thing" to see just what this pretending will produce for this couple. Be ready for a read of romance and a sexual harassment case that will turnwell you will simply have to read it for yourself.

I found this series a very enjoyable as well as entertaining that once you start reading you will have a hard time putting it down until the end. Now for us who love this author's series we will be waiting for her next series which involves Adrian's twin brother, Aiden. Would I recommend "The Real Thing?" YES!

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

Resenha em português e inglês.

blog: <http://bookwhorebr.blogspot.com.br/20...>

Cópia recebida do NetGalley para resenha.

Eu gosto muito desta autora e acompanho esta série desde o primeiro livro. Infelizmente nem todos foram publicados no Brasil.

As histórias contam a vida da família Westmoreland e os personagens são todos muito fortes e interessantes. Aqui nós conhecemos Adrian Westmoreland e Trinity Matthews.

Trinity está enfrentando uma série de problemas no trabalho. Ela está concluindo a residência médica e um dos cirurgiões está assediando sexualmente ela e atrapalhando o trabalho dela.

A irmã dela é a Tara que nós conhecemos no livro Thorn's Challenge (The Westmorelands 3). Tara sugere que ela arranje um namorado falso para tentar conter os avanços do cirurgião.

Aí entra Adrian, ele é um dos poucos solteiros da família Westmoreland que restam e aceita ajudar a Trinity. É bem legal acompanhar o relacionamento deles passando de falso para algo mais.

A maneira que eles enfrentam o assédio sexual também é ótimo e mais uma vez o apoio da família Westmoreland se fez presente.

A história é bem legal e as cenas de sexo são muito quentes.

Fiquei curiosa em conhecer a história do irmão do Adrian!

Recomendo a leitura!

Review in Portuguese and English.

Copy received from NetGalley to review.

I really like this author and I follow this series since the first book. Unfortunately not all of them were published in Brazil.

The stories tell the Westmoreland family life and the characters are all very strong and interesting.

Here we met Adrian Westmoreland and Trinity Matthews.

Trinity is facing a series of problems at work. She is completing a medical residency and one of the surgeons is sexually harassing her and interrupting her work.

Her sister is Tara who we met at the book Thorns Challenge (The Westmorelands 3). Tara suggests that she get a fake boyfriend to try and contain the advances of the surgeon.

Enter Adrian, he is one of the few singles Westmoreland family left and accepts help Trinity.

It's kind of cool accompanied their relationship from false to something more.

The way they face sexual harassment is also great and once again the support of the Westmoreland family was present.

The story is pretty cool and the sex scenes are very hot.

I was curious to know the history of Adrian's brother!

I recommend reading!

Betty Gilbert says

What started out as a “fake romance” quickly turns into a full blown, mind blowing, say my name “real affair”.

Another bestseller from the incomparable Mrs. Jackson. A sizzling hot romance that will cause your pressure to rise... Brenda Jackson has done it again with “The Real Thing”. Adrian Westmorland and Trinity Matthews not only heat up the pages of, they heat up the sheets as well. When Adrian was asked to help out a friend in need there was no way anyone could foresee where that would lead. A friend in need...can not only turn into a friend indeed but also a partner for life.

Victoria Coleman says

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Westmorelands are known to do anything for family. So, when Tara Matthews-Westmoreland recruits Adrian Westmoreland to help her little sister Trinity deal with a creepy superior at work it sounds like the perfect plan. Pretend to be a couple so that Dr. Belvedere can catch the hint and leave her alone. What Adrian and Trinity don't count on are the very real feelings that arise while fake dating. Could this be the real thing for both of them?

I truly fell in love with Adrian and Trinity as a couple but more importantly as individuals. Adrian's chivalry and protectiveness was a great compliment to Trinity's sweet and determined spirit. As always, I enjoyed

catching up with the rest of the Westmoreland family and look forward to reading about Aidan and Jillian's story next.

Toni says

I love those Westmoreland men! What starts out as a pretend affair between Adrian Westmoreland and Trinity Matthews (Thorn's sister in law) turns into the real thing. Trinity is doing her residency at a hospital in Denver where she's being sexually harassed by a surgeon there. Her sister Tara (Thorn's wife) has an idea for Adrian to pretend to be her lover. It doesn't seem to stop the surgeon and the pretend affair becomes a real affair.

In the end Trinity has to decide whether she wants to transfer her residency and leave the man she has fallen in love with; or stand up to the man harassing her, and possibly others.

Love2readtoo says

When does pretend move to "The Real Thing"? It's complicated and becomes like "blurred lines" and that's what was going on in this new sensual story by Brenda Jackson. Adrian decided to help Trinity with a complicated situation at work by pretending to be an item to ward off unwanted advances from her superior. However, somewhere along the way things got blurry as to what they were really doing. Who's supposed to be fooling who and who is the villain, the aggressor, the pretender and who and what is actually REAL?

Mrs. Jackson weaves a great storyline in this passionate and dysfunctional tale. If you know anything about the Westmoreland men, they are handsome, protectors with strong family values. They defend and safeguard their women, family and friends and obliterate their foes. You have to read this story to understand when you mess with a Westmoreland it's repercussion to pay.

I really love the interaction between Trinity and Adrian they were very believable in the unusual situation they were involved in. The sexual tension between the two was hot and steamy. They had great chemistry that became this charming flirtation whenever they were together. This was a fun and sexy read.

Monica says

This was indeed a great read, I didn't expect anything less from Brenda Jackson.... It was a joy to get up close and personal with one of the younger Westmoreland's and I truly enjoyed Adrian and Trinity's characters and the layout of this story line, the sexual chemistry between them was fire. I also LOVED seeing Bane walk into the pages of this story, although brief it let me know that his story is not too far away. This was a page turner I could not put it down, last night until the end of the story. Another great job!!

LaToya says

As a longtime Brenda Jackson fan, I just can't get enough of those Westmorelands! So far my favorites are

Stern and Thorn.

When Trinity Matthews gets a sticky situation due to unwanted sexual advances at work, she gets her sister Tamara's brother-in-law, Adrian Westmoreland, to pretend to be her boyfriend hoping that this will put a stop to her supervisor's unwanted attention. Sparks fly when Adrian, a declared player, and Trinity, a headstrong doctor who is protective of her heart, find that they are no longer pretending. What follows is a sweet love story about what happens when you open your heart and are ready to give and receive love.

I recommend this for any fan of romance novels and Brenda Jackson. I can't wait to read the next story, The Secret Affair, about Adrian's twin, Aidan.

Thanks to NetGalley for the ARC!!

Shauni says

Originally Reviewed For: Bodice Rippers, Femme Fatales and Fantasy

I have been following Brenda Jackson for just the past few Westmoreland books.. but let me tell you these books are one sweet deal. I really enjoy the Westmoreland family, their commitment to each other is what a family should be. Sure this is the world of romance but I like to think real families could be this way as well.

The Real Thing is book 34 in this series and honestly, I am hoping for more. Each book has romance and family but it also highlights how things can keep a couple apart. These books are pure romance. There is no mystery or suspense, no things that go bump in the night (well except for said heroes and heroines) and no aliens from another planet/dimension. Just modern day men and women with modern day issues.

Trinity Matthews has a bit of a sexual harassment problem at the hospital where she is working and no one is taking her seriously. Consequently she told the Doctor who is bothering her she is already involved with someone else. He doubted her.. When asking her sister for advice, Tara recommended that Trinity go to one of the many Westmoreland family members who live in the Denver area and ask that he become her pretend boyfriend.. just until Dr sleazeball takes the hint. Only sparks start flying and they don't stay pretend for long.

Love em and Leave em Adrian Westmoreland has no problems "pretending" to be Trinity's boyfriend. She is family after all (her sister married his cousin) but he had no idea that the attraction he had for her would turn into something else. The more time he spends with her the more he wants her.. Aside from protecting her from Dr Sleaze.. he wants to just spend time with her. Before he realizes it this pretend relationship becomes the Real Thing.

Both of these two are from loving families that believe in forever and yet both of them insist they want a no strings relationship.. *roles eyes* They really believe this. As the relationship develops we, see the handwriting on the wall well before either of these two characters do. But see it we do and then we get to sit back and enjoy the ride. I really enjoy how Ms Jackson turns everyday issues into romance. How she handled a serious situation (sexual harassment) and made sure to point out that someone had to take a stand.. Always..

You don't have to start at book one to enjoy this series.. I didn't (shh do not tell Carmen and Lisa and Jules). Each book tells it's own story but I will admit, I want to know about all the rest of that crazy clan.

Next up Adrian's twin brother Aidan coming this fall.

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of The Real Thing, provided by netgalley and is scheduled to be released on March 4, 2014
